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PANDERING TO CATHOLICITY AND
FRENCH DOMINATION.

*Extract from the Speech of the Hon.
John A. McDonald at Toronto.*

He (Mr. McDonald) has been charged with succumbing to French domination. It had been said that he had attempted and was governing Upper Canada by a French majority; and the majority against him in Upper Canada was so great that he had abandoned his principles and everything

else in order to gain French support and to hold on to power. Now he would call the attention of gentlemen to this fact, that while the Government was formed of twelve members, only three of them were French—the other nine being English, Irish, Scotch, British Canadians, or, like his honorable friend Mr. Yankoughnet, who was descended from William of Orange Dutch. (Laughter.) Then, it was charged

that they had succumbed to Roman Catholic influences. Well, what were the facts? Of the twelve Executive Councilors, eight were Protestants and only four Catholics (Cheam). How could it then be said with justice that they were governed by Roman Catholics? It had been said, and would be again and again, that although the majority in the Cabinet were British and Protestant, yet such was the war in which

they clung together for the sake of office that they were obliged to sell their principles, to betray their race, and render themselves unworthy of their blood in order to secure French votes. (A voice—That's calumny.) Yes, it was a calumny, and he could prove it. (Cheers.) There were one hundred and thirty members in the House, and the Government, in order to retain office, had to persecute the

...a majority of them; if they had it not then their political position would not worth a rush. Well of the whole House how many were there French? Exactly 4 leaving 88 of British origin; and of Roman Catholics they were 51 against 79 Protestants. Well, of all these the present Government commanded a majority—a majority of the French a majority of the British.

Besides this, they enjoyed almost the united support of every member representing the British inhabitants of Lower Canada [Renewed Cheering]. It must not be forgotten that in Lower Canada the British residents were able to hold their own in time of peril, with a large majority of the French against; and the British feeling

was quite as strong, if not stronger than Upper Canada. [Cheers.] Was it to be supposed, then, that the Government would possess their undivided support, if they had basely deserted their country and allowed themselves to be led by the French? The confidence of the British people; as much as anything else, showed how unfeeling how absurd was the cry that they had succumbed to French domination. [Trous-

ous cheering.) In speaking on this subject, he would like for some gentlemen to rise and point out to him in what instance in what particular act, or by what measure the Government had betrayed the interests of Upper Canada, or of Protestantism. [Hear hear.] Their course had been clear, they had respected the rights of all, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic; the

had not made a man's religion a test of his fitness; and they had treated all persons on a perfect equality. [Loud cheering.] And because they had done so, they were now charged with violating the rights of Upper Canada and of Protestants—the were now held to be guilty of treason in their religion, their blood and their country. But what had they seen? They saw Mr. Brown—the very man who made the

charges against them with all his energy—forming a government in which there were seven Roman Catholics, a larger number than was the present Administration of that of Sir Allan MacNab. [Cheers.] Now as he [Mr. Macdonald] had said before, he was not there to charge him with offenses for choosing Roman Catholics; for he held that if they were the right men for the place, it was right to select them.

[Cheers.] But what he did complain of was this, that a man who had acted as he had done should now charge him (Mr. Macdonald) with being a traitor to Upper Canada and Protestantism; and viewing all the circumstances connected with both governments, he thought he had a just cause to complain. [Loud cheers.]

On the morning of October 30th, the American ship *Champion*, of Bath, Me., Capt. A. B. Nicholson, left Havana for San Juan de los Remedios for a cargo of lumber. Soon after the harbor towboat had left the ship, the captain had occasion

speak to the cook about his carelessness and waste of the provisions of the ship; to which he replied in an indolent and delinquent manner, and was ordered to the galley, but refused to obey, saying he would do as he pleased; that no one had a right to interfere with him or his affairs in the galley. The captain then went below and returned with a pistol and pair of handcuffs, and ordered the cook to come up and him-

them put on, but he refused, went to the galley and shut the door, and was about to close and fasten the other, when the captain entered and took hold of him, the cook having obtained a sheath knife, which he was endeavoring to use. The captain dragged him out to the rail, and was assisted by the first mate in throwing him to the deck; the crew (negroes) then interfered in favour of the cook, also a ne-

gro, and four of them took hold of the mate, dragged him forward, bent and knocked him down, while three others lay upon the captain, one of them striking him a severe blow with a slung shot, and another grappled him by the hair, exclaiming "Knife him, cook!" The captain, by superhuman efforts, extricated himself from the desperadoes and retreated to the cabin his pistol having been knocked from his

hand immediately after the attack, and to
take possession of by the cook, who swore
with a desperate oath that he was thence-
forth master of the American ship. Cham-
pion, confirming his declaration by making
a cross upon the deck and falling down

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